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Copies of the non-U.S. references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

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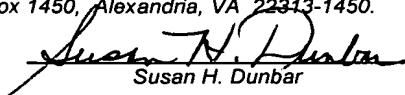


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We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and
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1. Copy of English translation of International Preliminary Examination Report PCT/EP 03/14945;
2. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
3. Information Disclosure Citation (6 pages);
4. References (4); and
5. Certified Priority Document DE10300012.7.

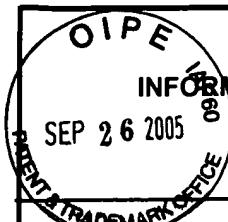
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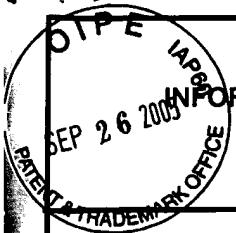
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